



CURTIN COURIER

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*We seek to inspire
We gather to support
We strive to succeed*

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Diary Dates

29 May – 4 June
Book Fair
4 June – Parliament of
Youth
4 June – S/W Cross
Country
5 June – Combined
Band
11 June – Public
Holiday
13 June – Year 2
Culminating Event
8.30-9.30am
13 June – ACT Cross
Country
13 June – ICAS Spelling
Maths Olympiad
16 June – Working Bee
Jnr & Snr Playground
1.30-4pm

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Dear Families,

This week marks the halfway point through the term. It has been an incredibly busy and varied five weeks. Over the past two weeks each teaching team has been planning the new inquiry for their classes. You will be receiving an overview outlining the inquiry’s deep understandings and main learning strands very soon. In addition, teachers have been working hard on midyear report writing: one of the major ways we inform you of your child’s progress in their learning. To assist teachers and acknowledge the increased workload of the report writing weeks, each teacher has been given a day to work on report writing or assessment.

You may have noticed some more additions to the playgrounds these past few weeks.

We are offering new playground elements, endeavouring to extend play to involve all the senses and encourage creativity and imagination.

We have drawn up a broad plan, highlighting areas for active play, quiet play, construction and possibilities for creative and dramatic play. Earlier this year the artificial grass zone under the trees has provided one new textured area for play. There will be mats for quiet construction activities in this zone. We will be using some stepping stones from slices of timber, pavers from the renovated courtyards and hopefully some bush rocks to add more textures and surfaces to the junior playground. We are planning to embed a pathway of pavers to form a car track. Both playgrounds have had tables and benches added, from the courtyards.

To help children spread out and use all the grass areas for different play we have been offering a variety of recycled materials for creative and dramatic play. Loose parts play is a new concept for our playground at Curtin. As each “new” loose part has been brought into the playground children have been drawn to explore with them, sharing and cooperating. Loose parts are portable, allowing children to move, stack, sort, construct and manipulate them how they wish. We are in the process of gathering a variety of materials for children to use in inventive play: tyres, tubes, pipes, logs, cardboard boxes, tarpaulins and beams. Loose parts are the ultimate drivers for powerful learning, allowing children to be autonomous, creative, imaginative and to experiment, engage, collaborate, make decisions and problem solve. With each new addition children will be guided on safe and appropriate use of the items. We are very grateful to the Green Shed for their help in providing our school with some open-ended play materials.

From Green Shed we have materials to construct a mud kitchen - for the junior playground initially. We also have plans to install a recycled whiteboard for magnetic play.

We plan to create a mound up the junior hill to provide some topographic variety, and more opportunities for jumping, digging and playing in dirt. A dirt mound and logs, stumps and slices of tree trunks will provide engagement with natural materials which has been proven to increase spontaneous play and learning.

On Saturday 16th June we will be having a working bee at the school on the playgrounds to embed some of these plans. You are warmly invited to come along between 1.30 and 4pm on that day. We will be receiving the soil for the junior mound and top up for the mounds in the senior playground. Plenty of fun and cooperation to be enjoyed!

It is an exciting time and we look forward to sharing it with you all.

Kind regards, Frances.

Notes sent Home

Date	Note	Return By
16 May 2018	Student Information Check Sheet	ASAP
	Year 5 Combined Band	Friday 1 June



Year 2 Culminating Event

Year 2 is holding their culminating event Wednesday 13th June from 8.30-9.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to come and share in our learning of Our Systems.

Student Information Check Sheet

Each school year we ask all parents/carers to please check over the Student Information Check Sheet for their child/children. These will be coming home with students today.

Please check all details are complete and correct, especially the following:

- Contact details (ie. phone numbers and address)
- All medical information is correct and current (if your student does have a medical condition, do they need an Action Plan? Action Plan forms are available from the Front Office)
- Immunisation information
- Student Access Information (phone numbers used to notify absences)
- Email address for absences (used to send newsletter, etc.)

Please return the signed check sheet with any changes to the Front Office. If there are no changes to be made to the check sheet, please write “**NO CHANGES**” on the bottom of the sheet and sign.

Please return check sheet as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office.

Book Fair on now!!

29th May – Monday 4 June

8:30 – 9am & 3-3.30pm

Come check out a great range of books.

All money raised goes back to the library to purchase more books for our students and teachers.

2019 Enrolments for ACT Government Schools

- Enrolments for the 2019 school year opened through the online enrolment system on Monday 30 April.
- The Education website has been updated with enrolment details for the 2019 school year, and this information can be viewed through the link below:
https://www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school
- In addition, a new PEA reference guide, using the ACT Government's ACTmapi web site, is also available through the link below to schools and to families to allow them to find their local school and to define their priority enrolment area. <http://app.actmapi.act.gov.au/actmapi2/index.html?viewer=Education>

ACT Junior Chess League Information

The ACT Junior Chess League runs various chess tournaments and coaching clinics throughout the year. For more information on these please visit our website www.actjcl.org.au



Chess at Curtin Primary School

Shaun Press from the ACT Junior Chess League has found a chess coach who is able to run a lunch time group at Curtin Primary.

Andrew Brown (current ACT Champion) is an experienced chess coach, and has WWVP certification.

Andrew is available to run a lunchtime chess club on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm.

Curtin Primary has some very keen chess players!

Please email Deborah.Fitzgerald@ed.act.edu.au if your child is interested in joining the Curtin Chess Club.

Invitation 2018 ACT Primary Schools Chess - Woden/Weston Zone

The ACT Junior Chess League (ACTJCL) is running the 2018 ACT Primary Schools Chess Teams - Woden/Weston Zone on Thursday 14th June 2018 (9am to 3pm) at Hughes Primary, Groom St Hughes.

This event is for chess playing students in schools in Woden and Weston Creek and is for individual players, with team results based on the best 4 scores of players from a school.

NB Schools can have multiple team results with scores from the next 4 players forming a second team score etc.

The cost of entry is \$10 per student.

The event will consist of seven rounds with half-hour (allegro) games. No players are eliminated (Swiss-system) so every player plays seven games (unless we need byes).

It's a fun day for all students with at least a basic knowledge of the moves of chess. Thanks in advance to Hughes for hosting this event.

Shaun Press
ACT Junior Chess League Interschool Co-ordinator

Please email Deborah.fitzgerald@ed.ac.t.edu.au if interested.



HOT DOG DAY – Tuesday 19 June 2018

Please return the attached order form and correct money to the canteen no later than Friday 15th June.

P&C NEWS

The P&C is preparing a submission for the Curtin Group Centre/Curtin Shops Master planning consultation process. This is a great chance to make sure that the needs and interests of young families who frequently use the area are put forward. The ACT Government Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will also be holding two information sessions about the masterplan on Wednesday 30 May at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Details below:

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE REVISIONS TO THE CURTIN GROUP CENTRE DRAFT MASTER PLAN:

The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) is hosting two information sessions about the revisions to the Curtin Group Centre Draft Master Plan.

Please choose one of the sessions and confirm your attendance by emailing Curtin@act.gov.au.

Session 1

When: **Wednesday 30 May 2018, 4pm – 5:20pm**

Where: Orion Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club, [92-96 Corinna Street, Woden](#)

Session 2

When: **Wednesday 30 May 2018, 6pm – 7:20pm**

Where: Orion Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club, [92-96 Corinna Street, Woden](#)

* Please note that free parking is available at the club to all guests that attend an event at the club. The car park is located on the left hand side of the building facing the club. Upon entry you will receive a ticket that can be validated at reception upon departure.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

- **View** the revisions on www.yoursay.act.gov.au
- **Email:** Curtin@act.gov.au
- **By Hand:** Postcard boxes at Ivy Flowers and Gifts, Curtin Capital Chemist and Woden Library
- **Post:** The EPSDD Master Plan Team, PO Box 158, Canberra, ACT, 2601
- **Phone:** Access Canberra on 13 22 81 (and ask for the EPSDD Curtin Group Centre Master Plan team)
- **Information displays** on the revisions are also available at the Woden Library and at the Curtin group centre (in the Coles display windows).

Community engagement closes on 6 June 2018.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open for purchases on Tuesdays 8.30 to 9.30am for all over the counter sales (cash and cheque only).

Please note that all Flexischools orders will also be filled on Tuesdays.

The shop is not open any other day.

SkoolBag

As you are aware, we are trialling the **Skoolbag** app for communication with parents. Thanks to all those parents who have already signed up. Some things to remember:

- When you are choosing our school, you have the option of two schools named Curtin; please check to see you have chosen the correct school.
- All registered parents will get whole school notifications, have access to the events calendar and be able to change their details or send absentee notes through the app.
- The separate year groups are designed for allowing notifications or notes to be sent home to just that cohort.
- Please only subscribe to the year levels your children are in so you won't be inundated with notes, and notifications that you don't need.
- If you have already subscribed to all groups and you want to be taken off any groups please let me know.
- Details for accessing the app are below:

How to install the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents



For Apple Users

1. From your iPhone/iPad, click on the "Download on the App Store" button above or open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag"
2. Download the free SkoolBag app
3. Opening the app, and add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For Google Android Users

1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store
2. Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above or go to the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag"
3. Download the free SkoolBag app
4. Open the app, add your school(s) and you're ready to go!

For more info visit skoolbag.com.au



Thanks
Maryanne Hayes
Deputy

School Banking

Do you have 10 or more tokens?
If so, it's time to choose a reward for consistent saving.

Sparkle Glitter Pens
Released Term 2 2018



Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

Glow Light
Released Term 2 2018



1 x AAA
battery included

Name: _____
Class: _____
Student ID: _____

<p>Smiley Emoji Keyring Released in Term 3, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Pencil + Tech Case Released in Term 4, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Colour Change Markers Released in Term 1, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>
<p>Volt Handball Released in Term 3, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Epic Earphones Released in Term 4, 2017</p>  <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>	<p>Tablet Case Released in Term 2, 2017</p>  <p>W 18cm H 25cm</p> <p>Name: _____ Class: _____ Student ID: _____</p>

All rewards listed are available while stocks last.

Print off the above and fill in your details or write down your reward choice and include it with your next banking.





If you are unsure how many tokens you have, please write us a note and we will let you know.

10 tokens = 1 reward. Students with 20 tokens can choose 2 rewards.



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Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



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What instrument do you fancy?



We have individual and group music lessons for all levels, all ages, all styles.

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Mental Health Issues and Young People: FREE Parenting Forum

Carers ACT is hosting a unique opportunity for parents, carers and friends to learn how to recognise the warning signs and better understand depression, suicide, eating disorders, deliberate self-harm and other mental health problems in young people. Mental illness in our youth – often known as the ‘invisible disease’ - is growing at an alarming rate with many parents at a loss on how to deal with it. The speaker will be Dr

Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia’s leading experts in parenting and child and adolescent mental health and founder of CanTeen for teenagers with cancer. *Bookings essential.*

When: Tues 19 June 2018, 7-9pm, Hellenic Club, Woden

More info: Ph 6296 9900 or email mhcarers@carersact.org.au

Register : through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2HlqSiy>

Cost: free